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Presented for filing is a new patent application.

Applicant: Mark J. Espy, Jim Uhl And Thomas F. Smith

Title: Detection Of Varicella-Zoster Virus

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b). Applicants hereby claim status as a Small Entity under 37 CFR §1.27.

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| Abstract      | 1                             |
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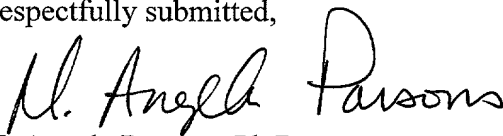
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